

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/657,696	Applicant(s) MENKEDICK ET AL.	
	Examiner Robert G. Santos	Art Unit 3673	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Robert G. Santos. (3)_____.

(2) Richard B. Lazarus. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 10 July 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,611,979; 6,658,680; 6,691,346; and 6,880,189 (upon which Osborne et al. '445 claims priority).

Claim(s) discussed: All pending claims.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0177445 to Osborne et al.

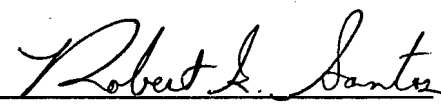
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Based on the exhibit presented by Mr. Lazarus, it appears that Osborne et al. '445 should not be applied as prior art against the claims in the application and accordingly the claim rejections under Osborne et al. '445 should be withdrawn; this will be verified in a meeting this week with the in-group Quality Assurance Specialists, Mr. Terry Melius and Ms. Darnell Jayne. Applicants will also file an amendment this week and an updated search of the prior art will be conducted upon receipt of the amendment.